

NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

NJCSCR Fund

Chapter 201 P.L. 1999 NJSA 52:E-1

GRANT PROGRAM NO. 04-25-SCR

TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:

Cost-Reimbursement Grants

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

NJCSCR will fund research activities that hold promise of developing effective interventions and cures for paralysis and other consequences of spinal cord injury and disease.

AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Up to \$3.5 million should be available from the Spinal Cord Research Fund to support one or two-year awards, with a maximum funding level up to \$200,000/per year (direct and indirect costs, 10% maximum for the latter). The goals of this program are to (1) encourage promising postdoctoral fellows and young investigators to undertake research on spinal cord regeneration and recovery; (2) encourage scientists who are well-established in other areas to transfer their efforts to spinal cord research; and (3) enable researchers with novel scientific and clinical ideas to test them and develop pilot data needed to seek larger awards from NIH and other funding sources. Awards will begin on or about June 15, 2004. Two-year awards are made through one-year contracts. Second year support is not automatic and is contingent upon the grantee submitting a continuation application that is favorably reviewed by an independent scientific peer review panel and the NJCSCR. The NJCSCR reserves the right to distribute funds among grants. Grant awards will not exceed the maximum amount published in the NJ Register for Fiscal Year 2004. The Commission may not fund grants to the maximum amount.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants
2. General and specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the Granting Agency.
3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant

GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Principal investigators must be affiliated with a New Jersey State academic institution, research organization, public or private agency or other entity with demonstrated capability to conduct research responsibly. Senior scientists, young investigators, and postdoctoral fellows may serve as principal investigator. If the applicant is a fellow, s/he must submit a letter of support from the laboratory's senior scientist, as well as two other appropriate letters of reference. Unaffiliated individuals will not be funded. Individuals of any nationality or citizenship status may apply, provided they are employed by or affiliated with a qualified New Jersey State institution.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

Proposals are evaluated based upon scientific merit and study feasibility. Additional factors considered in the review process include qualifications of the request, the presence of scientific or budgetary overlap, and which focuses on the treatment and cure of spinal cord injuries and diseases that damage the spinal cord.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Applications and NJCSCR Research Program Guidelines governing grants awards are available from Commission Office, or can be downloaded from the website at www.state.nj.us/health/spinalcord/. Review and award occur once a year. Grant continuation awards within an approved project period will be made based on satisfactory progress and availability of funds.

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DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED AND DATE BY WHICH APPLICANT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDS:

Applications - January 6, 2004

Notification - May 28, 2004